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SUBJ: PRESS COMMENT ON PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE

1. SCHEDULED VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES OF ITALIAN INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION DELEGATION, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI), AS GUESTS OF THEIR AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL COUNTERPARTS, SURFACED IN THE LOCAL PRESS OCTOBER 17. SUBSEQUENTLY OTHER MAJOR NEWSPAPERS HAVE PLAYED STORY.

2. POSSIBILITY OF THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENTARY VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES FIRST APPEARED IN IL TEMPO OCTOBER 17 IN A DESPATCH FROM WASHINGTON BASED CORRESPONDENT MARINO DE MEDICI. THRUST OF ARTICLE WAS THAT THE GROUP IS TRAVELLING TO THE US ON A LONG-STANDING INVITATION OF A CONGRESSIONAL GROUP. ADDITIONALLY, HE STRESSES MULTIPARTY NATURE OF THE ITALIAN GROUP, DRAWING DISTINCTION BETWEEN LEGISLATIVE NATURE OF THIS VISIT AND PRIVATE PARTY NATURE OF PROPOSED US TRIPS OF PCI OFFICIALS

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SERGIO SEGRE AND GIORGIO NAPOLITANO. SUBSEQUENTLY STORY HAS

BEEN PICKED UP BY MOST OTHER MAJOR NEWSPAPERS AND AT LEAST
ONE WIRE SERVICE. CAST OF THE STORIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF
CORRIERE DELLA SERA AND THE RUETERS, DIFFERS FROM IL TEMPO
IN THAT MULTI-PARTY NATURE OF THE ITALIAN GROUP AND PARTICULARLY
PARTICIPATION OF MSI PARLIAMENTARIAN IS FIDGED OVER AND IM-
PRESSION IS LEFT THAT ISSUANCE OF A VISA TO SERGE REPRESENTS
A BACKING AWAY FROM USG'S EARLIER DECISION TO DENY HIM A
VISA.VOLPE

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